

## Commissioner's Minutes of August 26, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. Chairman Whittington called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

Agenda- there were no corrections or additions.

The **minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting** were then considered. Sharron Smith pointed out corrections to be made as follow:

Page 1- next to last paragraph- line 2 should be "an" not "and"

Page 4 – first paragraph – correction on the spelling of "frustrated"

Page 4 – Finance matter #2 should read "was not budgeted for,"

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$53,670.10 was then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

EDC Director Frank Starkweather reported on the USDA Revolving Loan Fund that is now in operation within the County.

### **Chairman Whittington reported:**

- On a resolution received from the Clare County Democratic Party, urging the Board to approve and fund the Court contract.
- On the correspondence received regarding pending court cases.

**Attorney Doug Jacobson** came before the Board, **regarding the county remonumentation program.** Mr. Jacobson introduced Mr. Mark Robison, noting that Mr. Robison had been assisting John Meyers, who recently passed away. Mr. Jacobson asked that the Board adopt a resolution appointing Mr. Robinson as the County Representative for the county remonumentation program. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the resolution regarding Mr. Robison's appointment. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Walters-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2008-27** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)

**Chairman Whittington** reported on communication from the County Road Commission-- thanking the Board for their support in passage of the recent road millage proposal.

**Carol Brubaker, Gladwin City/County Transit**, requested Board approval for Contract No. 2007-0211, Project 47502A. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve and authorize signing of the agreement as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**County Treasurer Christy VanTiem** came to the Board with the **Intergovernmental Agreement creating the Gladwin County Land Bank Authority**, which has now been revised by the State, and asked that the Board adopt the resolution approving the Agreement with those revisions. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve and adopt the resolution as requested. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-no and Walters-Yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2008-28** is hereby adopted. (Resolution attached)

**Drain Commissioner Sherry Augustine** spoke to the Board on mowing of the dike area at Lake Contos. Ms. Augustine also noted the need for mowing of both the main and west dike areas at Wiggins Lake at an estimated cost of \$1700.00. It was noted that because of the hold up by the Court action – she (Ms. Augustine) has no funds to cover these costs. Discussion. Because of budget constraints, the matter will be further considered and re-addressed at a later meeting.

**Commissioner Posey reported:**

- On the Solid Waste meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Fair Board meeting of August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- That on August 20<sup>th</sup> she attended the meeting at City Hall on hazardous waste and reported on the collection of hazardous waste that was held on Saturday.
- On the Public Safety meeting of August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- That she had attended the Finance committee meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- On the August 25<sup>th</sup> Council of Local Government meeting held at Grout Township and the discussions had regarding the recent ORV legislation.

**Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the August 13<sup>th</sup> Sage Township Board meeting.
- On the August 19<sup>th</sup> Sherman Township meeting, noting that both Sherman and Sage have concerns with the ORV legislation.
- That on August 21<sup>st</sup> he attended the Lake Board meetings.

**Commissioner Walters continued reporting:**

- That he also had attended the Council of Local Government meeting on Monday night.
- On Veterans matters –
  - On the 2009 State Budget for education and training for veterans
  - Loss of Korean Veteran Frank Johnson
  - That in February 2009 Clare County will be opening an out-patient facility for veterans.

**Commissioner Hoag** reported that he had attended the Public Safety committee meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup> and that Commissioner Reid would report further on matters that were addressed.

**Commissioner Carl reported:**

- That he attended the Bourret Township meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Clement Township meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>, the Butman Township meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> and the Gladwin Township meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the August 25<sup>th</sup> Council of Local Government meeting and discussions had regarding the ORV legislation.

**Commissioner Reid reported:**

- On the ORV legislation and options for townships to “opt in” or “opt out” of participation with any county ordinance regulating ORV operations. It was noted that meetings are being held with the road commission and the Sheriff – but it would be some months before all issues can be addressed.
- That he also attended the EDC meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- That on August 14<sup>th</sup> he had attended the Hay Township meeting and also the Airport Commission meeting.
- On the problems with the Courthouse phone system following the storm of August 18<sup>th</sup> – noting that Mr. Ghent and Mr. Pung had resolved the matter with assistance from Bob Frei.

### **Commissioner Reid continued reporting:**

- That on August 21<sup>st</sup> he had attended the Building and Grounds meeting as well as the Public Safety committee meeting. Matters addressed at each are outlined below:

#### Bldg. & Grounds discussions-

- Coffee shop building is for sale
- still waiting to hear from IKO regarding the Health Dept. roof.
- that the anticipation bond on Wiggins Lake will be due 6/1/09.

#### Public Safety discussions-

- construction of communication towers by Corey Pratt
- the Sheriff's 2009 budget requests, specifically a records management system.

### **Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- On attending the Housing Commission meeting of August 12 and the possibility of using some of their (the Housing Commission's) buildings for County storage.
- That he also attended the August 13<sup>th</sup> EDC meeting.
- That he had attended the MAC Conference at Frankenmuth on August 18 & 19 and reported on the various sessions he had attended.
- That he had attended the Central Michigan Health Finance meeting in Mt. Pleasant on August 20<sup>th</sup> and then the Gladwin Township meeting that evening.
- On attending the Michigan Works meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- On the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Finance committee meeting and review of Department budget requests for 2009.
- On matters before finance:
  1. The 416 Grant for 2008-2009 has been prepared and needs Board authorization. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the grant and authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts upon presentation. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  2. That Jan Stoike, Assistant 911 Administrator, has requested that 4 dispatchers attend an APCO training seminar September 24 – 26. Cost is \$220.00 per person plus meals, which would be paid from 282-000-804.001. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow attendance with payment as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**Commissioner Rhode continued with matters before finance:**

3. On the **Child Care Budget Summary** which needed to be reviewed and authorization given for signing by the Chairman. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to authorize signing by the Chair as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.  
(Commissioner Rhode voting no)
4. That the **CRP grants for the Prosecuting Attorney and Friend of the Court** offices are ready for review and need to be signed by the Chairman prior to filing with the State. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to authorize the Chairman to sign the grants upon presentation. Ayes carried, motion passed.
5. That the **2003 Ford Taurus** being driven by the Detective, is **in need of repair due to a car/deer accident**. Discussion was had on the two repair quotes (both over \$3000), whether the work can be done for less and if the car is worth putting that much money into. It was noted that the car is still drivable – damage is limited to the driver’s side fender and door area. Commissioner Walters then moved that further information be gathered and that the matter be addressed at the next board meeting. Motion supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. That **Justin Eastman, Jail Administrator**, has submitted a **request to donate 24 hours of sick time** to an employee. Commissioner Rhode noted that the request is within guidelines of county policy, and moved to allow the transfer as requested. Motion supported by Commissioner Reid. Ayes carried, motion passed. The Clerk’s Office will adjust the records as authorized.
7. **Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Coordinator**, is requesting authorization to attend the **Michigan County GIS Conference** at Boyne Mountain Resort. Cost of lodging is \$144.43 for 1 night. Ms. Conrad is asking that she be allowed the entire cost of the room (exceeding the \$100.00 limit set in County policy) as this is both a GIS conference and a Gypsy Moth conference. If approved the cost would be paid from 239-000-860.000. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow attendance with the stipulation that the County would only allow up to \$100.00 per night for lodging, in accordance with current policy. Ayes carried, motion passed.
8. That **County Clerk Laura Flach** has requested to attend the annual **United County Officers Association conference** in Manistee. Cost of registration is \$50.00 and 2-nights lodging of \$167.48, to be paid from 101-215-860.00. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow attendance with payment as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**Continuation of matters before finance:**

9. On the **semi-annual budget review** and the amendments required to record over expense/revenue. (attached) Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Clerk to make the necessary entries to record the budget amendments as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  
10. On the **Court contract negotiations** – noting that Health Insurance issues will be presented to the Judges for consideration when they return from their vacation in Africa. If agreed to by the Judges, the matter will be brought to the Board for a vote.

**Commissioner Rhode also reported:**

- That the **Deputies have rejected the tentative agreement** reached on their contract and that the Dispatch contract could be settled if the Board would agree to a one time payment of \$650.00 per person in lieu of retro pay. Discussion. No action taken.

Commissioner Whittington noted that the **Non-Union Benefits Manual** had been updated and presented to members at the last meeting. If members had completed review, a motion would be in order to adopt the same. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adopt the manual as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**Chairman Whittington** then wished all a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Commissioner Carl then moved to receive and file the various reports and correspondence. Motion supported by Commissioner Walters. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Posey then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Walters. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. until September 9, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach  
Clerk

Terry Whittington  
Chairman

County of Gladwin  
Resolution #2008-27

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR THE  
REMONUMENTATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the passing of John Meyers has left a vacancy in the position of County Representative for the Remonumentation project, and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Robison from Clare County has acted as the assistant to Mr. Meyers, and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Robison is a highly qualified and knowledgeable surveyor who is familiar with the operations of the Remonumentation project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mark Robison is appointed as the County Representative for the County Remonumentation project.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**COUNTY OF GLADWIN**

I, Laura E. Flach, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gladwin, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on August 26, 2008.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Gladwin, Michigan, this 26th day of August 2008.

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Laura E. Flach, Clerk of the Board